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Methods Suggested for the Proteetion of Farms and Towns in Flood Times-Opinions of the Sufferers.

"The levees must go." Such is the extrip along the Mississippi river from men, planters, residents of river cities, river prophets and the oldest and youngest inhabitants of the districts which are in or contiguous to the flooded districts. Probably the only class of people who do not concur in this assertion are the government engineers and members of the levee boards in the different states. Even they admit that the leves system has proved a failure this year, so far as giving protection to the lands behind them is concerned, and the only defense they can offer is that the high water of 1897 is without precedent, so that no calculations based on conditions of previous years could be taken into account in coping with the floods. To this argument the disgruntled populace reply: "What has brought about the unprecedented high water but the extension of a levee system to keep the water pent up in a narrow channel, contrary to the intent of nature?" Year after year the broad bottom lands into which theriver had found access have been shut off from the Mississippi; periodically it has broken from the restraint put upon it and entered the forbidden lands.

A system of outlets has been tried, but found wanting, and now the people along the river declare that the same is true of the big levee system. These people are not skilled in the science of engineering, but they appear to compose a majority of the better class of citizens, and base their conclusions on their observations in years of previous overflows. They are the class who place notches on the corners of houses and in tree trunks to mark the extreme height of the water, and who are familiar with every crook and bend in the river, its tributaries and lakes and bayous.

And what do they offer as a substitute for the great embankments which a liberal government has helped to create? They have many things to offer, but few subscribe to any substitute for the levees. On the contrary, they say that they welcome the overflow, with its resultant rich deposit of silt on their impoverished land. The horrors of the crevasse, the resistless current which uproots trees and sweeps houses from their foundations are not characteristics of an overflow, but are the creatures of the levees, produced only when the big embankments fail to hold the river in its course, and, having increased its pent-up fury, finally allow it to wreak death and devastation with the force which the levees alone created. "Let the periodical overflows come," they say, "and we will welcome enter our fields and plantations unrestrained."

Then they point to the great mounds which a prehistoric race have erected on both sides of the river commonly called "Indian mounds," and declare that this was a method a former race had of meeting the waters. Many of these mounds have been taken possession of by the planters, and where they do not exist the planters have already begun their erection. On these houses and barns are built, cattle pens are erected, and they serve as most effective havens during the time of overflow.

Another method which is already employed, even behind some of the largest and strongest levees, in which the people have no confidence, as a result of years of experience, is that of buliding small private levees about the few acres included in their orchards, gardens and plots of ground surrounding their homes and those of the hundreds of employes on every great plantation.

Some of the people who are opposed to the continuation of the levee system are advocates of the "straightening of the river" theory. This class declares that the money now being expended by the government in levees could be applied to much better advantage in straightening out the crooks and bends which the erratic Mississippi takes, and materially decreasing the distance between Cairo and New Orleans, deepening the channel and allowing a freer access to the gulf. But here the opponents of the levees lose the support of their adherents, the steamboatmen, who say that such a stream would have so swift a current as to render navigation practically impossible.

Much of the dissatisfaction which exists among the people where the levees are not under the control of the government is due to their belief that the state boards are honeycombed with corruption, and that the funds appropriated by the states serve as a grab-bag for those intrusted with their distribution in the form of high official salaries, expensive clerical forces, exorbitant expense accounts and open connivance with the contractors who work and bid under their direction and approval. Hardly a town of any size can be visited between Cairo and Vicksburg where such accusations are not made openly, and citizens who have the weight of business success or high official standing are eager to father statements derogatory to the probity and good have the greatest respect, and only words of praise are heard for their honest efforts. It is against those who direct and limit their work, the power behind the throne, that the odium is east.-St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

-Sara Bernhardt has always had a morbid dread of fire, and this has led her to direct that all her stage dresses shall be made of fireproof material.

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Joe Collins, the bigamist at Henderson, got four years.

Mr. D. P. Davis, a prominent livery man and merchant of Goshen, Va. has this to say on the subject of rheumatism: "I take pleasure in recommending Chamberlain's Pain personal experience that it will do all that is claimed for it. A year ago this spring my brother was laid up in bed with inflammatory rheumatism and suffered intensely. The first applicant of Chamberlain's Pain Balm eased the pain and the use of one bottle completely cured him. For sale by R. C. Hardwick, Druggist.

Miss Virginia Hanna, a Lexington school teacher, is dangerously ill as the result of a cat bite.

J. C. Patterson, a Deputy Sheriff, was shot and killed in Monroe county by Johnson Smith, a moonshiner.

A posse is in pursuit of Johnson Smith, who killed Deputy Sheriff Patterson in Monroe county.

A Cure for Muscular Rheumatism.

Mrs. R. L. Lamson, of Fairmount. Illinois says. "My sister used Cham berlain's Pain Balm for muscular rheumatism and it effected a complete cure. I keep it in the house at all times and bave always found it bene ficial for aches and pains. It is the quickest cure for rheumatism, muscu ar pains and lameless I have ever seen." For sale by R. C. Hardwick

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Maj. John Brink was struck by train at Winchester and killed.

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the mine. By some means the shanty took fire, probably from the cracked and defective adobe chimney. Carmen awoke to find that the roof was afire up she loudly cried to awaken her mother and Tommy, but the little boy became frightened and hid his head beneath the covers of his bed. Carmen sprang to lift him from the bed, when upon the powder box. Recognizing the awful danger, she attempted to leave the child for the moment and carry out the powder, but in her excitement she eaught her foot in the overhanging bedclothes and fell to the floor, breaking her thigh bone. Unable to arise, the brave girl crawled to the box of powder and, drawing herself up, covered the box with her body. The mother had by this time succeeded in getting out of bed and getting outside the now furiously Balm for rheumatism, as I know from | burning shanty, and managed to take with her her little boy.

The cries of Carmen: "Oh, take Tommy out, won't you!" turned for a time the mother's thought from her daughter's danger. The fire had aroused some of the neighbors, who speedily ran to the burning shanty and lent what aid they could. Carmen was discovered and removed. Her rescuers found her almost buried beneath a mass of burning cinders, her back frightfully burned. Tender hands bore her to a neighboring shanty, where all that could be done to alleviate her sufferings was eagerly bestowed. But human aid came too late. The brave little spirit lingered until the following day and then departed for a brighter lund. It was not known until CHAS. CATLETT. after she had recovered consciousness a short time before she died, that she had broken her leg. Her last words were: "Kiss me, Tommy, dear; I've saved you, and I'm so happy."-San Francisco Call.

Soup with Sponge Dumplings.

Procure a small knuckle of veal, wash and place it in a saucepan. Cover with water and add one teaspoonful of salt. Set saucepan over the fire, and when it begins to boil add one onion, one leek and a bouquet. Cover and boil slowly two hours. In the meantime prepare the sponge dumpling like this: Place a saucepan with half a cup of milk and half a tablespoonful of butter, over the fire. As soon as it boils add half a cup of flour. Stir until the contents have formed into a smooth dough and loosen from the bottom of the saucepan. Then remove from the fire, and when nearly cold mix the paste with the yolk of two eggs. Season with one-quarter teaspoonful of salt and the same of nutmeg; add, last, the two whites beaten to a stiff froth. Strain the soup into another saucepan, remove all fat and return it to the fire. When it boils again dip a teaspoon into the boiling soup, cut with the same spoon small portions from the preparation and lay it in the soup. Continue until all is used, dipping the spoon for each dumpling into the soup. Cover and cook in six minutes. If the soup is not salt enough add a little more salt. Then add one tablespoonful of fine-chopped parsley and serve.-St. Louis Republic.

Attractive Homemade Furniture. A window-seat may be made so that the lid will lift. Then use it as wished for dresses or wraps. Plain pine lumber is quite good enough. Make the box to suit the size of the window. A sofa to stand in another part of the room may also be made like a box. Divide it into compartments so that you can put papers and other things in the different spaces. Both should have castors. The window-sent may be at least six inches higher than the sofa. The top may be upholstered, padded with excelsior, hair or cotton, and then covered with dark, mixed material. Any of the Turkish cotton goods or the new "ticking" will answer the purpose. At the ends of the sofa have two rolls. These rolls may be fastened, giving the appearance of an old-fashioned rolled arm sofa. Five feet long and two and a half wide would be a very good size.-Ladies' Home Jornal.

A Cabbage Salad.

A much better salad than one would expect is made from cabbage. The inner leaves only are used, those nearest the heart and the most crisp. Shave them very fine and mix with mayonnaise. This will be found to be an appetizing green for the first warm days of spring. -N. Y. Post.

For a Sick-Room. A simple disinfectant to use in a sick room is made by putting some brown coffee in a saucepan in the center of a small piece of camphor gum. Light the gum with a match. As the gum burns allow the coffee to burn with it. The perfume is refreshing and healthful.-Brooklyn Eagle.

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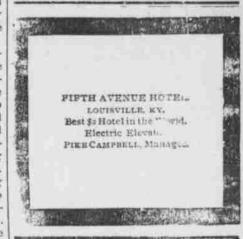
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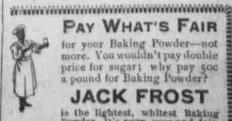
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